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Mark Veterans Day at Kentucky's State Veterans Cemeteries

*Community Ceremonies Will Honor
All Veterans in the Local Community*

(RADCLIFF, KY and HOPKINSVILLE, KY, November 11, 2007) Please join your community in a memorial ceremony honoring all veterans at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery in your area. Two separate ceremonies are scheduled for your convenience: one at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central in Radcliff, Kentucky, and one at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Candle lighting will begin at 12 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11 (Veterans' Day) at both cemeteries. The ceremonies will follow at 1 p.m. (Times are local: Eastern Standard Time for KVCC in Radcliff, and Central Standard Time for KVCW in Hopkinsville.)

The ceremony at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (Radcliff) will feature LTC Eric Wick, Commander, 5th Battalion, 15th Cavalry Squadron (Combat Veteran of both Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom) as the special guest speaker; colors posted by the 194th Armored Brigade Honor Guard; candles for attendees to light in honor of a veteran; and invocation and benediction by Chaplain Al Manuel of American Legion Post 113 (Elizabethtown, Kentucky).

The Women's Auxiliary of American Legion Post 113 will provide refreshments following the ceremony.

The ceremony at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West (Hopkinsville) will feature Marty Pinkston, Deputy Commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, as the special guest speaker; colors posted by the Pennyrite Honor Guard; candles for attendees to light in honor of a veteran, and invocation and benediction by Nelson Gray, VFW Post 1913 Chaplain. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1913 will provide refreshments following the ceremony.

At the ceremony, attendees can view profiles of veterans interred in each cemetery, including service information, photos, and personal accomplishments.

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (KVCC) serves veterans mostly from a 75-mile radius of the cemetery, including parts of Kentucky and Indiana and also serves as the Active Duty cemetery for soldiers and their dependents serving at nearby Fort Knox. Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West (KVCW) serves veterans mostly from a 75-mile radius of the cemetery, including parts of Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, and Indiana and also serves as the Active Duty cemetery for soldiers and their dependents serving at nearby Fort Campbell. The cemetery is the final resting place for eight active duty soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice during the war in Iraq.

Services provided at both cemeteries include a furnished grave or columbarium space, an optional grave liner, opening and closing of gravesites, supply and installation of suitable headstones or markers, and perpetual care for the entire facility. These services are provided at no cost to veterans as a benefit that is well earned. Since burials began on March 1, 2004, more than 700 veterans and their eligible dependents have been interred at KVCW; and more than 200 veterans and eligible dependents have been interred at KVCC since opening on June 1, 2007.

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West is located just south of Hopkinsville at 5817 Fort Campbell Boulevard (US Highway 41A) at mile marker 11. You may call the KVCW cemetery directly at (270) 889-6106 for further information. Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central is located on Highway 31W south of the Chaffee Main Gate (Bullion Blvd) at Fort Knox. You may call the KVCC cemetery directly at (270) 351-5115 for further information.